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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Preliminary to examination, please amend the above-noted patent application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims below to read as indicated herein. A version of the amended claims with markings to show changes made is included at the end of this document.

1. (Amended) An illumination system for lithography with wavelengths of ≤ 193 nm comprising:

a first optical element, which is divided into first raster elements and lies in a first plane, wherein said first plane defines an x-direction and a y-direction,